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SUBJECT: POLITICAL YOUTH LEADERS EXCHANGES

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1. ROMANIAN RESPONSE TO SUGGESTED EXCHANGE OF YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS, AS PROPOSED BY OLIVER AND ALLEN OF AMERICAN COUNCIL OF YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS (ACYPL), WAS IMMEDIATE AND POSITIVE.

UNIONIST

COMMUNIST YOUTH (UTC) HEAD ION TRAIAN STEFANESCU

PROPOSED ACYPL RECEIVE FOUR-PERSON ROMANIAN DELEGATION BEFORE NOVEMBER 3-5 UTC CONGRESS. DEL WOULD BE DRAWN FROM HIGH-RANKING YOUNG PARTY OFFICIALS IN VARIOUS FIELDS OF UPTIVITY, I.E.

EXCHANGE WOULD NOT BE TIED EXCLUSIVELY TO UTC LEADERSHIP. IN RETURN ACYPL WOULD SEND FOUR-PERSON DEL TO UTC CONGRESS.

2. DURING THESE PRELIMINARY EXCHANGES STEFANESCU PROPOSED THAT BOTH SIDES INITIATE DISCUSSIONS TOWARDS DRAWING UP OF AN AGREEMENT TO COVER 1976-77 PROGRAM. IT CLEAR FROM TALKS THAT, WHILE WILLING TO BEGIN EXCHANGES ON INFORMAL BASIS, ROMANIANS WILL PUSH FOR A FORMAL WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH ACYPL TO COVER ANY FUTURE PROGRAM.

3. ALLEN AND OLIVER AGREED TO GENERAL FRAMEWORK OUTLINED ABOVE AND WILL COMMUNICATE MORE SPECIFIC DATES AND PROGRAM INFORMATION TO ROMANIANS WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS. THEY PLAN CONSULT WITH YALE RICHMOND (CU) UPON THEIR RETURN TO WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK.

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4. COMMENT: ROMANIAN YOUTH ORGANS HAVE BEEN HOPING TO EXPAND

TIES WITH THEIR U.S. COUNTERPARTS FOR SOME TIME, BUT HAVE APPARENTLY EXPERIENCED SOME DIFFICULTY IN MAKING PROPER CONNECTIONS. PAST DISCUSSIONS WITH U.S. YOUTH COUNCIL WERE NOT PARTICULARLY SUCCESSFUL FROM ROMANIAN POICM OF VIEW, ALTHOUGH RECENTLY UTC WS CONCLUDED MORE FRUITFUL TALKS WITH NATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION, WHICH MAY ALSO SEND A DELEGATION TO NOVEMBER UTC CONGRESS. GIVEN THIS FRAMEWORK, POSITIVE ROMANIAN REPLY TO ACYPL PROPOSALS WAS EXPECTED. NEVERTHELESS, SPEED AND ENTHUSIASM OF REPLY WAS NOTEWORTHY. AS OLIVER LATER REMARKED, ANY LIMITATION ON FUTURE EXPANSION OF EXCHANGE PROGRAMS LIKELY TO RESULT OF SCARCITY OF ACYPL'S RESOURCES RATHER THAN ROMANIAN RELUCTANCE.
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